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SQUAMISH LILLOOET REGION

REGIONAL POLICING

- Squamish Lillooet Region is policed by St'atl'imx Tribal Police Service and the RCMP. The St'atl'imx Tribal Police Service provides police services to the St'at'imc Nation from offices located in Mount Currie and T'it'g'et (Lillooet). The RCMP provides municipal police services to the District of Sechelt and the Resort Municipality of Whistler while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the remainder of the region's unincorporated or rural areas through detachments located in Lillooet, Pemberton, Squamish, and Whistler.
- In 2008, there were 86 members assigned to police the region: 10 members policed within the St'at'imx Nation; 49 policed RCMP municipal areas; and 27 policed the region's rural areas.
- A case load of 70 Criminal Code offences per member was recorded for Squamish Lillooet Region in 2008. This was 6% lower than the member workload of 74 recorded in 2007. The region's 2008 case load was higher than the provincial case load of 67.
- In 2008, the total population of the region was 39,531; the population served per member was 460.

REGIONAL CRIME TRENDS

- Police in BC record criminal activity using Statistics Canada's Uniform Crime Reporting Survey. Criminal Code offences are used in police workload and crime rate calculations. They include violent, property, and other Criminal Code crimes.
- In 2008, 5,985 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was a 5% decrease from the 6,321 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Squamish Lillooet recorded a crime rate of 151, higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, but 7% lower than the region's 2007 crime rate of 163 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 711 violent crimes were reported by police, a 10% decrease from the 792 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Squamish Lillooet violent crime rate was 18.0 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 12% decrease from the 2007 rate of 20.4. The region's 2008 violent crime rate was higher than the provincial violent crime rate of 11.4 violent offences per 1,000 population.
- The volume of Level 1 Assaults (common assault) is the major driver of the violent crime rate. In 2008, 434 common assaults were reported within the region, a 17% drop from the 525 reported in 2007. The 2008 Squamish Lillooet common assault rate was 11.0 offences per 1,000 population, a 19% decrease from the 2007 rate of 13.5. The region's 2008 common assault rate was higher than the provincial common assault rate of 6.7 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 2,256 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 1% decrease from the 2,281 reported in 2007. The 2008 Squamish Lillooet property crime rate was 57 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 3% decrease from the 2007 rate of 59. The region's 2008 property crime rate was higher than the provincial property crime rate of 45 property offences per 1,000 population.



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REGIONAL CRIME TRENDS Cont'd

- Motor vehicle theft includes the theft or attempted theft of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles. In 2008, 183 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, a 23% increase from the 149 reported in 2007. The 2008 Squamish Lillooet motor vehicle theft rate was 4.6 offences per 1,000 population, a 21% increase from the 2007 rate of 3.8. The region's 2008 motor vehicle theft rate was lower than the provincial motor vehicle theft rate of 5.2 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 3,018 other crimes were reported within the region, a 7% decrease from the 3,248 reported in 2007. The 2008 Squamish Lillooet other crime rate was 76 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 9% drop from the 2007 rate of 84. The region's 2008 other crime rate was higher than the provincial other crime rate of 39 other offences per 1,000 population.
- Not included in crime rate and case load calculations are drug crimes which include heroin, cocaine, cannabis, and other CSDA drug offences. In 2008, 504 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 3% decrease from the 519 reported in 2007. The 2008 Squamish Lillooet drug crime rate was 12.7 offences per 1,000 population, a 4% decrease from the 2007 rate of 13.3. The region's 2008 drug crime rate was higher than the provincial drug crime rate of 6.3 offences per 1,000 population.

REGIONAL POPULATION

- In 2008, Census estimates indicated that the population for the region was 39,531, a 2% increase from the 2007 population of 38,886.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has generally increased resulting in a 9% increase overall, from 36,248 in 1999 to 39,531 in 2008.



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REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	36,248	36,253	36,207	36,577	37,169	37,842	37,847	38,320	38,886	39,531
Police Strength	60	72	72	73	72	72	79	81	85	86
Case Load	93	77	87	88	101	90	83	85	74	70
Population Served Per Member	604	504	503	501	516	526	479	473	457	460
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	626	642	775	748	773	735	737	758	792	711
Crime Rate	17.3	17.7	21.4	20.5	20.8	19.4	19.5	19.8	20.4	18.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,892	2,665	2,879	3,022	3,411	2,957	2,966	3,025	2,281	2,256
Crime Rate	80	74	80	83	92	78	78	79	59	57
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,058	2,212	2,587	2,667	3,100	2,754	2,883	3,063	3,248	3,018
Crime Rate	57	61	71	73	83	73	76	80	84	76
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	5,576	5,519	6,241	6,437	7,284	6,446	6,586	6,846	6,321	5,985
CRIME RATE	154	152	172	176	196	170	174	179	163	151
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	380	417	472	473	452	466	503	475	519	504
Crime Rate	10.5	11.5	13.0	12.9	12.2	12.3	13.3	12.4	13.3	12.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	467	489	561	568	573	544	541	550	525	434
Crime Rate	12.9	13.5	15.5	15.5	15.4	14.4	14.3	14.4	13.5	11.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	151	159	135	175	233	224	213	187	149	183
Crime Rate	4.2	4.4	3.7	4.8	6.3	5.9	5.6	4.9	3.8	4.6
AREA POLICED AS LILLOOET PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	4,967	3,977	3,716	3,648	3,603	3,678	3,604	3,355	3,344	3,408
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Case Load	74	72	74	75	78	80	68	72	63	62
Population Served Per Member	710	568	531	521	515	525	515	479	478	487
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	102	82	74	71	96	77	64	65	50	60
Crime Rate	20.5	20.6	19.9	19.5	26.6	20.9	17.8	19.4	15.0	17.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	227	208	154	186	138	158	119	146	160	116
Crime Rate	46	52	41	51	38	43	33	44	48	34
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	187	215	290	266	315	328	292	294	230	261
Crime Rate	38	54	78	73	87	89	81	88	69	77
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	516	505	518	523	549	563	475	505	440	437
CRIME RATE	104	127	139	143	152	153	132	151	132	128
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	54	75	91	82	103	92	57	24	40	36
Crime Rate	10.9	18.9	24.5	22.5	28.6	25.0	15.8	7.2	12.0	10.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	69	66	48	57	59	51	43	48	28	28
Crime Rate	13.9	16.6	12.9	15.6	16.4	13.9	11.9	14.3	8.4	8.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	17	21	7	15	15	13	8	10	14	12
Crime Rate	3.4	5.3	1.9	4.1	4.2	3.5	2.2	3.0	4.2	3.5



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AREA POLICED AS PEMBERTON PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	4,933	3,436	3,220	3,398	3,555	3,770	4,057	4,256	4,315	4,313
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	10	10
Case Load	125	68	74	78	70	52	38	46	28	37
Population Served Per Member	987	687	644	680	711	754	580	608	432	431
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	135	29	53	44	44	34	31	27	29	41
Crime Rate	27.4	8.4	16.5	12.9	12.4	9.0	7.6	6.3	6.7	9.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	199	119	124	164	182	116	120	120	64	99
Crime Rate	40	35	39	48	51	31	30	28	15	23
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	291	191	192	181	122	110	118	174	188	226
Crime Rate	59	56	60	53	34	29	29	41	44	52
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	625	339	369	389	348	260	269	321	281	366
CRIME RATE	127	99	115	114	98	69	66	75	65	85
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	26	24	29	35	20	41	53	36	25	76
Crime Rate	5.3	7.0	9.0	10.3	5.6	10.9	13.1	8.5	5.8	17.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	104	21	40	35	34	21	26	14	15	22
Crime Rate	21.1	6.1	12.4	10.3	9.6	5.6	6.4	3.3	3.5	5.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	14	9	15	20	19	6	2	10	7	8
Crime Rate	2.8	2.6	4.7	5.9	5.3	1.6	0.5	2.3	1.6	1.9
DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	15,151	15,020	15,145	15,099	15,240	15,421	15,621	15,813	16,286	16,883
Police Strength	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Case Load	84	75	87	102	131	111	127	114	98	97
Population Served Per Member	606	601	606	604	610	617	625	633	651	675
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	238	236	266	245	247	222	259	256	282	238
Crime Rate	15.7	15.7	17.6	16.2	16.2	14.4	16.6	16.2	17.3	14.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	886	711	688	881	1,343	1,169	1,333	1,168	730	956
Crime Rate	58	47	45	58	88	76	85	74	45	57
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	983	938	1,226	1,430	1,680	1,381	1,591	1,416	1,426	1,225
Crime Rate	65	62	81	95	110	90	102	90	88	73
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2,107	1,885	2,180	2,556	3,270	2,772	3,183	2,840	2,438	2,419
CRIME RATE	139	125	144	169	215	180	204	180	150	143
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	108	109	141	119	95	120	154	167	154	162
Crime Rate	7.1	7.3	9.3	7.9	6.2	7.8	9.9	10.6	9.5	9.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	197	190	208	198	208	183	204	201	202	153
Crime Rate	13.0	12.6	13.7	13.1	13.6	11.9	13.1	12.7	12.4	9.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	68	73	63	77	114	116	129	86	49	75
Crime Rate	4.5	4.9	4.2	5.1	7.5	7.5	8.3	5.4	3.0	4.4

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AREA POLICED AS SQUAMISH PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	2,096	2,053	2,318	2,339	2,374	2,396	2,413	2,091	2,106	2,107
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	6	6	6
Case Load	69	80	107	82	110	82	39	36	29	24
Population Served Per Member	699	684	773	780	791	799	483	349	351	351
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	15	15	20	15	14	17	13	12	16	8
Crime Rate	7.2	7.3	8.6	6.4	5.9	7.1	5.4	5.7	7.6	3.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	120	141	203	166	227	150	98	127	86	72
Crime Rate	57	69	88	71	96	63	41	61	41	34
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	72	83	99	66	90	79	83	78	72	61
Crime Rate	34	40	43	28	38	33	34	37	34	29
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	207	239	322	247	331	246	194	217	174	141
CRIME RATE	99	116	139	106	139	103	80	104	83	67
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	12	18	11	8	13	14	8	13	9	17
Crime Rate	5.7	8.8	4.7	3.4	5.5	5.8	3.3	6.2	4.3	8.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	10	10	14	9	13	13	8	9	11	4
Crime Rate	4.8	4.9	6.0	3.8	5.5	5.4	3.3	4.3	5.2	1.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	6	4	6	9	10	4	5	9	7	10
Crime Rate	2.9	1.9	2.6	3.8	4.2	1.7	2.1	4.3	3.3	4.7
STL'ATL'IMX TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE*										
Population	—	2,537	2,525	2,572	2,608	2,689	2,707	2,753	2,818	2,852
Police Strength	—	10	10	10	9	9	10	10	10	10
Case Load	—	44	45	49	58	60	50	56	57	64
Population Served Per Member	—	254	253	257	290	299	271	275	282	285
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	—	112	131	170	166	190	169	184	171	168
Crime Rate	—	44.1	51.9	66.1	63.7	70.7	62.4	66.8	60.7	58.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	—	128	96	144	121	131	89	102	90	105
Crime Rate	—	50	38	56	46	49	33	37	32	37
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	—	198	222	180	234	221	239	271	313	364
Crime Rate	—	78	88	70	90	82	88	98	111	128
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	—	438	449	494	521	542	497	557	574	637
CRIME RATE	—	173	178	192	200	202	184	202	204	223
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	—	8	8	16	27	27	39	26	26	30
Crime Rate	—	3.2	3.2	6.2	10.4	10.0	14.4	9.4	9.2	10.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	—	85	92	115	114	135	123	112	96	109
Crime Rate	—	33.5	36.4	44.7	43.7	50.2	45.4	40.7	34.1	38.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	—	16	6	13	9	13	7	5	9	17
Crime Rate	—	6.3	2.4	5.1	3.5	4.8	2.6	1.8	3.2	6.0

* Police Service began reporting in 2000.

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RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	8,965	9,094	8,998	9,228	9,487	9,575	9,127	9,795	9,753	9,702
Police Strength	19	21	21	22	22	22	23	23	23	24
Case Load	111	99	112	100	101	93	85	103	100	80
Population Served Per Member	472	433	428	419	431	435	397	426	424	404
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	136	168	231	203	205	195	200	214	241	194
Crime Rate	15.2	18.5	25.7	22.0	21.6	20.4	21.9	21.8	24.7	20.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,449	1,326	1,568	1,448	1,354	1,223	1,201	1,334	1,051	857
Crime Rate	162	146	174	157	143	128	132	136	108	88
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	523	585	555	538	655	631	557	821	1,009	868
Crime Rate	58	64	62	58	69	66	61	84	103	89
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2,108	2,079	2,354	2,189	2,214	2,049	1,958	2,369	2,301	1,919
CRIME RATE	235	229	262	237	233	214	215	242	236	198
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	180	181	191	211	191	172	190	208	263	180
Crime Rate	20.1	19.9	21.2	22.9	20.1	18.0	20.8	21.2	27.0	18.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	87	117	159	154	144	141	137	166	173	117
Crime Rate	9.7	12.9	17.7	16.7	15.2	14.7	15.0	16.9	17.7	12.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	46	35	37	41	65	71	62	66	54	58
Crime Rate	5.1	3.8	4.1	4.4	6.9	7.4	6.8	6.7	5.5	6.0
AREA POLICED AS WHISTLER PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	136	136	285	293	302	313	318	257	264	266
Police Strength	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	4
Case Load	13	34	49	39	51	14	5	12	28	17
Population Served Per Member	136	136	285	293	302	313	159	86	66	67
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	2
Crime Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	3.1	0.0	11.4	7.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	11	32	46	33	46	10	6	28	100	51
Crime Rate	81	235	161	113	152	32	19	109	379	192
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	2	2	3	6	4	4	3	9	10	13
Crime Rate	15	15	11	20	13	13	9	35	38	49
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	13	34	49	39	51	14	10	37	113	66
CRIME RATE	96	250	172	133	169	45	31	144	428	248
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	0	2	1	2	3	0	2	1	2	3
Crime Rate	0.0	14.7	3.5	6.8	9.9	0.0	6.3	3.9	7.6	11.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Crime Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	9	3
Crime Rate	0.0	7.4	3.5	0.0	3.3	3.2	0.0	3.9	34.1	11.3



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ENDNOTES

- ¹ Drug crimes include heroin, cocaine, cannabis and other CDSA drug offences. These data are not included in Total Criminal Code offences.
- ² Motor Vehicle Theft includes four UCR crime categories: Auto Theft, Truck Theft, Motorcycle Theft, and Other Motor Vehicle Theft, e.g. snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles, motorized farming and industrial vehicles. Motor Vehicle Theft is included in Property Crimes.

DATA QUALIFIERS

1. Police strengths represent an areas authorized police strength as of December 31st of each calendar year as submitted annually to Police Services Division. RCMP Municipal Force strengths do not reflect municipal contributions to integrated teams or functions.
2. Case burdens are defined as the number of Criminal Code offences per authorized police strength. They represent the workload per officer, and as a result, are a better indicator of the demand for police services that either an area's population base or its crime rate. The total number of Criminal Code offences and the authorized police strength as of December 31st of each calendar year are used for case burden calculations.
3. Total Criminal Code includes property, violent and other crimes. Property crimes include the offences of break and enter, theft, motor vehicle theft, possession of stolen property and fraud. Violent crimes include the offences of homicide, attempted murder, sexual and non-sexual assault, abduction and robbery. Other crimes include Criminal Code offences not classified as either violent or property crimes, e.g., prostitution, gaming & betting, weapons, bail violations, counterfeit currency, vandalism, etc.
4. The crime data contained in this report have been recorded by the police on the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR). Offences are scored according to the UCR Scoring Rules. If a single criminal incident contains a number of violations of the law, then only the most serious one is recorded for UCR purposes. Number of offences represents only those crimes reported to, or discovered by police which, upon preliminary investigation, have been deemed to have occurred or been attempted; this data does not represent or imply a count of the number of charges laid, prosecutions conducted, informations sworn or convictions obtained.
5. Crime Rate is defined as the number of offences per 1,000 population. The population figures utilized for crime rate calculations are based on the results of Canada Census which is conducted every five years. The most recent Canada Census occurred in 2006. Population figures reflect the permanent residential or "late night" population of a municipality and do not include part-time populations, i.e., commuters, students, tourists and other part-time residents.
6. The data contained in this report may vary when compared with previous reports produced by Police Services Division. Where variances occur, the report produced at the latest date will reflect the most current data available.

SOURCES: Crime Data: Uniform Crime Reporting Survey, CCJS, Statistics Canada;
Population Data: BCStats, Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services, Province of British Columbia
Police Data: HRMIS Report, RCMP "E" Division.

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